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NOTE FOR: Mr. Robert W. Gambino
Chairman, DCI Security Committee

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Executive Secretary, DCI Security Committee
SUBJECT: E.O. 11652

1. Here is the latest copy of the replacement E.O. 11652. The President is expected to sign it on 24 May 1978. Anticipated effective date is 1 December 1978.

2. Our fix on NSA request for exemption to declassification procedures including exemption to review material subject to compartmentation under international agreement is adequate.

3. There is nothing here that would support NSA's suggestions to hold off on some of our NFIB action items.

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4. The drafting of implementing actions is going well according to [REDACTED] sources. There is some observation by those doing the drafting that the lawyers lack the professional substantive knowledge necessary. Since fundamental security issues are involved, you should, at any chance you get, support a position which holds that substantive experts are required now and that lawyers should be relegated to an advisory role.

5. This would be a natural assignment for the Community Security Staff, but since we are not yet legal you might consider suggesting to Mr. Blake a willingness to appoint someone to this role from the Office of Security.

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6. Unless we hear otherwise by 1630 hours on 12 May, I will inform [REDACTED] that SECOM has no objections. Nitpicking may come later, but for now, I think the Community has to live with this.

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